



## City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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## Lyles & Activity Center Support Team Recognized with Employee Awards

**Gaithersburg, MD – (December 8, 2020)** At the Mayor and City Council meeting on Monday, December 7, 2020, Relief Counselor and Street Outreach Team Member Theodore “Teddy” Lyles and the Activity Center Support Team were recognized with Employee Recognition Awards for the third quarter of calendar year 2020.

Made up of peers from each department, Gaithersburg’s Employee Recognition Committee (ERC) reviews nominations for individuals and teams on a quarterly basis. These winners are then eligible for the annual Employee and Team of the Year Awards.

Teddy Lyles, Relief Counselor and Street Outreach Team Member with the Homeless Services Division of the Department of Community and Public Relations, was named Employee of the Third Quarter for his commitment to the City’s homeless population. He was recognized for his dedication, including covering shifts where needed and working countless hours during the pandemic to assist the homeless. Teddy worked with Montgomery County representatives and volunteers to provide services and more than 1,000 free meals to unsheltered individuals in the upcounty area. During one two-week period on the Street Outreach Team, Teddy rendered aid to two unconscious, unsheltered people in Gaithersburg by quickly calling for emergency assistance. His nomination closed by stating that he “is one of the reasons Gaithersburg is the greatest City in the world.”

The Activity Center Support Team, comprised of Terrilyn Lahs, Tam Castillo, April Outman, Gail Velez, Gina Smith, Gardner Torrence, Wynn Churchey, Lisa Salvatore, and Karen Jordan of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture, was named the Team of the Third Quarter. The Team was nominated for its work to create and support multiple virtual and in-person recreation programs, creating a safe environment while providing services to the community during the pandemic as well as assisting other teams in their efforts. It was stated that the Team’s assistance has been invaluable, and one staff member shared, “I could not have done it without them.”

For more information about the Employee Recognition Awards please contact the Office of the City Manager at 301-258-6310 or visit the City’s website at [www.gaithersburgmd.gov](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov).

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